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[HOUSE FILE No. 299.--JUDICIARY.]

A BILL

FOR AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE BURDEN OF PROOF IN ACTIONS FOR
DAMAGES ON ACCOUNT OF PERSONAL INJURIES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION. 1. That in any action, hereafter commenced against any person, company, part-
2 nership, or corporation, including corporations operating railroads, for damages on account
3 of personal injuries wherein it is claimed by the defendant, that such damages were sus-
4 tained by reason of the contributory negligence of the plaintiff, the burden of proof shall
5 be upon the defendant to establish such contributory negligence, and the plaintiff shall not
6 be required to prove affirmatively that the injury happened without contributory negli-
7 gence on his part.